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Re: Docket No. 98N-1038: Irradiation in the Production,
Processing and Handling of Food

To whom it may concern:

As a consumer, I encourage the FDA to retain the current labeling law, the current terminology of "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation" and the use of the radura symbol of all irradiated foods. The statement should be easy to read and near the name of the food if it is packaged. If it is not packaged, information should be clearly displayed on a poster in plain view near to where the product is displayed for sale.

Like other labels, irradiation labels are required by the FDA to be truthful and not misleading, so that the terms treated with or by irradiation should be retained. the word "pasteurization" is misleading because this is an entirely different process. The requirement for irradiation disclosure should not expire at any time in the future.

yours truly,

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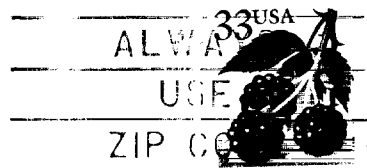
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